

# House File 107 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to supervision requirements for licensed  
2 marital and family therapists, mental health counselors, and  
3 social workers, and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 154C.3, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. *Supervision.* The board shall not, by  
4 rule or other means, require that supervision be completed  
5 in-person as a condition for an applicant to receive a license,  
6 a reciprocal license, or a renewed license under this chapter.

7 Sec. 2. Section 154D.2, Code 2021, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 **154D.2 Licensure — marital and family therapy — mental**  
10 **health counseling.**

11 1. An applicant for a license to practice marital and family  
12 therapy or mental health counseling shall be granted a license  
13 by the board when the applicant satisfies all of the following  
14 requirements:

15 ~~1-~~ a. Possesses a master's degree in marital and family  
16 therapy or mental health counseling, as applicable, consisting  
17 of at least sixty semester hours, or its equivalent, from a  
18 nationally accredited institution or from a program approved  
19 by the board.

20 ~~2-~~ b. Has at least two years of supervised clinical  
21 experience or its equivalent as approved by the board.  
22 Standards for supervision, including the required  
23 qualifications for supervisors, shall be determined pursuant to  
24 the requirements in subsection 2 and by the board by rule.

25 ~~3-~~ c. Passes an examination approved by the board.

26 2. The board shall not, by rule or other means, require any  
27 of the following for the licensure or renewal of a license to  
28 practice marital or family therapy or mental health counseling:

29 a. In-person supervision.

30 b. Supervised clinical experience hours in excess of the  
31 hours required by the board of social work for the licensure  
32 of any class of social worker.

33 Sec. 3. Section 154D.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
34 2021, is amended to read as follows:

35 b. A person who practices marital and family therapy or



1 family therapists or mental health counselors in excess of the  
2 hours required for social workers. The bill makes a conforming  
3 change to Code section 154D.4(2)(b).

4 The bill directs the board of social work and the board  
5 of behavioral science to amend their administrative rules to  
6 remove any requirement for supervised clinical experience and  
7 supervised professional practice to be completed in-person as a  
8 condition for the licensure of marital and family therapists,  
9 mental health counselors, and social workers.

10 The bill provides that the board of social work and the board  
11 of behavioral science may adopt emergency rules and creates an  
12 immediate effective date upon enactment.